

Application No.: 10/687,399
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Response

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (canceled)

Claim 2 (canceled)

Claim 3 (canceled)

Claim 4 (canceled)

Claim 5 (canceled)

Claim 6 (canceled)

Claim 7 (currently amended): A laundry bag for holding small laundry items comprising:

(a) a flexible mesh sidewall formed of a net material which permits the flow of water therethrough, which in an upright configuration defines generally cylindrically shaped, collapsible body having an open top portion, a bottom portion and a central portion, said generally cylindrically shaped collapsible body having an axial center line, said sidewall including an upper portion having a passageway formed therein;

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- (b) a flexible mesh bottom wall formed of a net material which permits the flow of water therethrough, said bottom wall being connected to said mesh sidewall proximate said bottom portion thereof; and
- (c) first, second, third and fourth partition walls formed of a net material which permits the flow of water therethrough, said partition walls being interconnected with said mesh sidewall and disposed interiorly of said central portion of said cylindrically shaped body for dividing said central portion into four compartments, said first, second, third and forth partition walls being interconnected together at a location proximate said axial center line of said generally cylindrically shaped collapsible body; and
- (d) closure means for closing said top ~~of~~ portion of said generally cylindrically shaped body portion, said closure means comprising an elongated drawstring threadably received within said passageway formed in said upper portion of said sidewall.

Claim 8 (original): The laundry bag as defined in claim 7 in which said four compartments are of substantially equal size.

Claim 9 (canceled)

Claim 10 (original): The laundry bag as defined in claim 7 in which said first, second, third and fourth partition walls are curved.

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Claim 11 (canceled)

Claim 12 (canceled)

Claim 13 (new): The laundry bag as defined in claim 7 further including a skirt portion sewn to said upper portion of said sidewall, said skirt portion cooperating with said sidewall to form said passageway.

Claim 14 (new): The laundry bag as defined in claim 13 in which said drawstring has free ends and in which said laundry bag further comprises a closure member having a central bore, said free ends of said drawstring passing through said central bore.

Claim 15 (new): The laundry bag as defined in claim 14 in which said closure member is spherical.